

MINUTES
SENATE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, January 18, 2021

TIME: 8:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room WW55

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairwoman Lodge, Vice Chairman Guthrie, Senators Winder, Anthon, Harris, Lee, Heider, Stennett, and Burgoyne

ABSENT/ EXCUSED: None

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CONVENED: **Chairwoman Lodge** called the Senate State Affairs Committee (Committee) to order at 8:04 a.m.

RS 28106 **Relating to the Twenty-Seventh Payroll** to establish a fund.

Alex Adams, Administrator Division of Financial Management (DFM), stated **RS 28106** originates out of the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee (JFAC) with the intention of creating a new fund. **Mr. Adams** stated the goal would be to create a separate bill later in the session to transfer money into this fund. He added that the transfer of funds would be through legislative transfers, appropriations, and as otherwise provided by law; interest would accrue in the 27th payroll fund. **Mr. Adams** explained this process would set aside funds each year subject to legislative appropriations through JFAC.

MOTION: **Senator Anthon** moved to send **RS 28106** to print. **Senator Burgoyne** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

RS 28242 **Stating Findings of the Legislature** to present to the electorate regarding psychoactive drugs.

Senator Grow recommended a constitutional amendment designed to keep illegal drugs out of the State of Idaho. He stated this constitutional amendment appropriates erosion of Idaho statutes that control these substances. **Senator Grow** highlighted the unusual reference to statutes included in the constitutional amendment that categorize controlled substances as shown in Schedules 1 and 2 totaling ten pages of drugs. He specified that drugs are allowed if they are approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), and they are lawfully prescribed and dispensed. **Senator Grow** identified exceptions permitted for investigational drugs and clinical investigations. He emphasized the need to consider law enforcement and other enforcement agencies' management of drugs in the course of their duties.

MOTIONS: **Vice Chairman Guthrie** moved to send **RS 28242** to print. **Senator Anthon** seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: **Senator Burgoyne** stated he reluctantly would vote no on this printing, describing from a technical point of view why it does not work to put Idaho Code references into the Constitution. He stated that a reference to Idaho Code can change over time should title numbers change or code sections no longer exist.

VOTE ON MOTION: The motion to send **RS 28242** to print carried by **voice vote**. **Senator Burgoyne** and **Senator Stennett** requested that they be recorded as voting nay.

Chairwoman Lodge announced the Committee will be discussing rules on Wednesday, January 20.

ADJOURNED: There being no further business at this time, **Chairwoman Lodge** adjourned the meeting at 8:14 a.m.

Senator Lodge, Chair

Twyla Melton, Secretary

Shelley E. Turley, Assistant
Secretary